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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Both barreled and boxed apples sold at somewhat lower prices on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, December 9, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. The recession in prices was partly accounted for by the lower exchange rate. Supplies of barreled apples were moderate and boxed light. A large percentage of the barreled stock was withheld for next week's auction. The condition of the fruit was good although showing a large number of slacks. Virginia Yorks and Hudson Valley Bens, however, were only in fair condition. Too much low grade fruit is still on the market. Dealers are mainly interested in high quality stock. Inquiry for both barreled and boxed apples was moderate.

Supplies of pears on the Liverpool auction were light but prices were slightly lower than last week. The condition of the fruit was good. The demand for pears at the sale was moderate. Stocks consisted mainly of New York Kieffers in barrels and baskets and California and Washington boxed Winter Nelis.

Barreled apple prices at London were lower than last week. Supplies were moderate. There is still too much low grade fruit on the London market. The light supplies of boxed apples met with a moderate demand. Prices were slightly higher than last week. London prices for both barreled and boxed stock were higher than Liverpool. The condition of the fruit was good.

Demand was moderate for the light offerings of Hudson River Kieffers, Washington Anjous and Oregon Winter Nelis. The condition of the fruit was good. London pear prices were higher than those ruling at Liverpool.

Stocks of apples on the British markets are not as heavy as they were a few weeks ago but they are still in excess of what the market can absorb at anything like satisfactory prices. It should be noted that the Christmas holiday season with its usual period of market inactivity is just around the corner. Usually there is very little demand for fruit in the wholesale market from about December 20 or a little later until after the first of January.

Fruit arrivals in the United Kingdom this week ended Tuesday, December 8, were: Apples, 132,700 barrels, 243,600 boxes and 1,100 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 75,000 boxes from the United States and Canada; grapes, 18,000 barrels from Spain and 2,000 packages from California; grapefruit, 7,600 boxes from the United States, 2,000 from Palestine and 3,000 from Jamaica; oranges, 74,000 boxes from Palestine, 43,000 from Brazil, 1,000 from South Africa and 381,000 half cases of 110 pounds from Spain. During the next seven days arrivals expected are: Apples, 68,300 barrels, 127,600 boxes from the United States and Canada; grapes, 1,000 packages from California; grapefruit, 17,400 boxes from the United States, 2,800 boxes from Jamaica and 2,400 boxes from Porto Rico.

Conversions from sterling to dollars were made at \$3.28 to the pound this week compared with \$3.40 last week and \$4.86 at this time last year.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool			London
	1930	1931	1931	1931
	December 10	December 2	December 9	December 9
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperials, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	5.84-6.33	2.80-3.06	2.46	2.95-3.20
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.81-7.30	2.89-3.23	2.79-3.12	3.04-3.45
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	6.81-7.79	3.06-3.40	2.83-3.28	3.04-3.53
U.S. Commercial 2 inch min.....	5.60-6.08	2.55-2.72	-	3.12-3.36
U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.08-6.57	2.55-2.89	2.42	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	5.72-6.08	2.38-2.72	2.46-2.63	2.30-2.79
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	2.63-2.97	2.30	-
Combination U.S. No. 1 and	-	-	-	-
Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.81-7.30	-	3.20-3.28	-
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	6.81	-	-	2.30-2.54
Black Twigs, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.63	2.54-2.79
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	3.19-3.40	-	2.63-2.87

## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London, cont'd

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool		London	
	1930	1931		
	December 10	December 2	December 9	December 9
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Ben Davis, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.08-6.33	2.89-3.06	3.45	2.46-2.63
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	5.60	2.38-2.72	-	2.22-2.38
Staymans, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.57-7.06	3.23-3.40	2.83	2.71-3.12
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	6.08	-	-	2.63-2.95
Jonathans, Va.				
Utility, 2 inch min.....	-	-	2.79	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	2.99	-
Winesaps, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	3.74-3.91	-	3.28
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	2.97-3.14	-	2.54-3.04
Ben Davis, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	2.55-2.72	-	2.63
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	2.89	2.13-2.34a/	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	2.38-2.55	1.64 a/	2.13
Starks, N. Y.				
Combination U.S. No. 1 and				
Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....	-	-	-	2.05
Combination U.S. No. 1 and				
Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch min.....	-	-	-	2.30
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Spitzenburgs, Wash.				
Combination Extra Fancy and				
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	1.97-2.05	
Combination Extra Fancy and				
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.89-1.93	
Winesaps, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.68	-	-	1.89
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	1.89
Fancy 150/175.....	2.19-2.31	1.95-2.08	-	1.76
Fancy 188/216.....	2.43	1.87-2.00	-	1.76-1.80
Delicious, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 188/216.....	-	-	-	2.05
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	1.80-1.89
Jonathans, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.68	-	-	1.80-1.93
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.68	-	-	2.09-2.13
Fancy 150/175.....	2.43	2.00	-	1.85
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	1.89-2.09
Yellow Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.80-3.10	2.34-2.46	2.26	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.68-2.80	2.21	2.01	1.97-2.22
Fancy 150/175.....	2.68	2.38	2.13	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.55-2.68	2.21-2.38	2.05	1.97-2.09
Yellow Newtowns, Calif.				
Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	-	1.93-1.97
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	1.93-2.01
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.80	1.85-1.93
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>			
Kieffers, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch min.....	6.33-7.30b/	-	2.79-2.95	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	6.33-7.30b/	5.95-6.46	3.77	-
	<u>BASKETS</u>			
Kieffers, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	2.19-2.43b/	1.95-2.04	1.64	-
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Anjous, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 100/larger, $\frac{1}{2}$ box....	3.16-3.28c/	-	-	1.48-1.64
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 100/120.....	2.80-3.10b/	2.38-2.46	2.26	-
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	2.80-3.10b/	2.55-2.72	2.30-2.34	-
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	2.80-3.10b/	2.55-2.72	2.22-2.30	-
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Fancy 100/120.....	3.22-3.41b/	2.38	2.63-2.75	-
Fancy 135/150.....	3.22-3.41b/	2.59-2.76	2.79	-
Fancy 165/180.....	3.22-3.41b/	2.63-2.80	2.63-2.79	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.  
 / Hudson River Valley, all slack. b/ All counts. c/ Oregon.